



LAS POSITAS COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS CODE

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I. Purpose

1. To ensure a fair, democratic, and transparent election process for the Student Government.

II. Eligibility

1. Candidates must be enrolled students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, and be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) semester units.
2. Candidates that hold an officer position within a club will have to resign from that officer position with the exception of Student Trustee prior to their acceptance of a position on the Las Positas College Student Government Executive Board.
3. Candidates' home campus must be Las Positas College.
4. If the candidate wishing to run in the election is a Middle College student, they must be a senior in Las Positas Middle College at the time of the elections.

III. Applications

1. Procedure: Candidates must submit an application by the due date.
2. Deadline: Applications close on March 2nd, 2026.
3. Meet Your Candidates: An opportunity to meet election candidates will be held on March 18th, 2026.

IV. Campaigning Rules

1. Campaigning begins on Monday, April 6th, 2026 at 8:00 AM, and ends on Saturday, April 11th, 2026 at 11:59 PM.
 - a. Candidates are not allowed to campaign digitally or physically outside of the specified campaign dates.
2. Attendance of the Elections Code Orientation and the Meet Your Candidates is mandatory.
 - a. All candidate assistants will be required to watch a recording of the Orientation and submit a Microsoft Form confirming their understanding.
3. Each individual, regardless of the number of positions they are running for, can use up to \$200 for campaign materials. Campaign materials consist of anything purchased with the intent to be used during the campaign, including but not limited to flyers, banners, and promotional items.
 - a. The spending for each individual will be limited to Costco items, of which a web link will be provided to approved candidates. The LPCSG will acquire requested items and provide them for pick-up on campus.
 - b. Each individual candidate is not allowed to do the following:
 - i. Use more than the budget
 - ii. Use their own funds for campaigning
 - iii. Receive donations



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4. Each individual may be a candidate for up to three positions, including Student Trustee.
5. Candidates must campaign in a civilized manner. No harassment, intimidation, defamation, or libel of other candidates or voters is allowed. Campaigning with slanderous, discriminatory, or harmful content is prohibited.
6. Withholding promotional materials in exchange for a vote is prohibited.
7. Campaigning in the library, the tutoring center and the parking lot is prohibited.
8. Flyers are only allowed to be placed on designated bulletin boards around campus. Any other posting is prohibited.
9. Candidates must run for themselves; they cannot have non-students campaign for them. Other students who are not running can help advertise the candidate's campaign only through campaign items purchased through Student Life.
 - a. Any students assisting a candidate in a campaign must be registered with the Elections Committee by W number.
 - b. Those assisting the campaign are obligated to follow the Elections Code. The candidate will be held responsible for any violations made by those assisting the candidate, and will deal with the consequences on the behalf of their assistant.
10. Candidates are not allowed to have a political affiliation during their campaign (i.e. Democratic or Republican).
11. Candidates must run independently; no group affiliation is allowed. (i.e. grouping together with other candidates to collect votes)
12. Votes must be cast by the voters themselves. For example, candidates are not allowed to pre-fill information on the voter's behalf and the voters may not use the candidates' devices.
 - a. Candidates are not allowed to help voters fill out the election form, and must direct the students to reach out to the Elections Committee through the Student Life Office or via email if they have questions.
13. **Two violations of any of the campaign rules on the 2026 Las Positas College Elections Code will lead to the offending candidate's disqualification from the election.**
 - a. **Exceptions: violations of clauses 2, 3 and 5 will result in immediate disqualification**

V. Election Procedure

1. Voting Method: Votes are cast online and must be cast on the voter's device, not on the candidate's device. All enrolled students are eligible to vote. Votes will be released on the Tuesday following the election: April 14th, 2026.
2. Timeline: Voting opens on April 6th, 2026, and closes at 11:59 pm on April 11th, 2026.



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3. Anonymity: Votes are confidential and anonymous.

VI. Counting Votes

1. Process: Votes will be cast and recorded via Microsoft Forms. Any duplicate votes (i.e. using the same W-number) will be discarded, and only the first original vote cast will be counted.
2. In accordance with CLPCCD BP 5410 and AP 5410, votes from students whose home campus is not Las Positas College will not be counted.
3. Votes will be announced midway through the elections to showcase the current standing. This will occur on April 8th, 2026.
4. Personnel: Votes will be counted by the LPCSG Advisor and the chair(s) of the Elections Committee.

VII. Handling Disputes

1. Committee: A neutral Elections Committee will handle disputes.
2. Process: Complaints can be submitted anytime during the campaign period. Candidates can contest the votes. All complaints will be submitted on a complaint form.
3. Decision: If a candidate violates the campaigning rules, they will be issued a warning by the Elections Committee. A second violation will disqualify the candidate from running.
4. Decisions made by the Elections Committee are final.

VIII. Results

1. Announcements: Election Results will be announced during the first Senate meeting after the end of campaigning.
2. Majority Rule: The individual with the most votes wins a position. If an individual wins multiple positions, they must choose one position from the positions they won. An exception exists in the case of the Student Trustee elect, who may accept one additional Executive Board position, should they win it. Once winning candidates have chosen their preferred Executive Board position, vacant positions will be offered to the runner-up candidate, who may choose to accept.
 - a. In the event of a vacant position after the oath of office is held, an internal election will be held in the following Fall Semester by the Las Positas College Student Government to fill needed positions.
3. Once a candidate accepts their position on the Las Positas College Executive Board, the term of office spans three semesters: Summer, Fall, and Spring, or exactly one academic year.